BPL houses constructed in Tamil Nadu

2521. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 95 lakh rural houses have been constructed so far under the Rural Housing for Below Poverty Line scheme;

(b) The number of houses constructed in Tamil Nadu under the scheme so far; and

(c) The number of houses proposed to be constructed during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) As per reports received from State Governments, about 102.80 lakh houses have been constructed/upgraded under the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) since inception till date out of which 7.64 houses have been constructed/ upgraded in Tamil Nadu.

(b) Under the IAY, target for construction of the houses is fixed on year to year basis depending on the availability of funds.

Beneficiaries of rural housing scheme

2522. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 3,000 ineligible beneficiaries have been allotted housing under the Rural Housing Scheme;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) the justification for involvement of contractors in construction of houses worth nearly Rs. 200 crore defeating the objective of involving beneficiaries in the construction; and

(d) the State-wise details thereof and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) in its Report No. 3 of

2003 has indicated 34,542 ineligible beneficiaries were provided financial assistance under the Rural Housing Scheme in 19 States and 1 Union Territory, as per details given below:

States	Number of ineligible beneficiaries
Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Nagaland and Punjab	2169
Andhra Pradesh and Assam	1284
West Bengal	27352
Pondicherry	4
Other 11 States*	3733
Total	34542

*Details not reported.

(c) and (d) The C&AG has also reported that, Rs. 198.55 crore were spent on construction of houses under the Rural Housing Scheme through contractors in 16 States. State-wise details are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

States	Amount involved on construction of houses through contractors
Andhra Pradesh	0.06
Assam	85.39
Chhattisgarh	6.15
Gujarat	13.07
Haryana	0.52
Karnataka	16.31
Madhya Pradesh	1.73
Maharashtra	70.19
Jharkhand	0.11
Meghalaya	0.38
Mizoram	0.24
Orissa	0.19
Punjab	0.19
Tamil Nadu	0.29
Uttar Pradesh	0.40
West Bengal	3.33
TOTAL	198.55

Engagement of contractors in construction of the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) houses is in violation of the Guidelines. The matter has been taken up with the State Governments from time to time. The above mentioned finding of CAG Report has already been communicated to the States/ UTs for taking up corrective measures.

Implementation of pending proposals

†2523. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of about Rs. 28.05 crores regarding Drought Prone Area Programme and Integrated Wasteland Programme of Madhya Pradesh for the year 2002-03 are pending with Government for release of instalments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the Central Government would issue orders for implementation of the pending proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Government of India has received proposals for release of Rs. 23.01 crore under DPAP and Rs. 5.03 crore under IWDP from the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

So far for on-going and new projects, sanction orders involving release of funds of Rs. 13.06.02 lakhs under IWDP and Rs. 2780.50 lakhs under DPAP have been issued. District-wise details of funds released under on-going and new watershed projects of IWDP and DPAP during the year 2003-04, are given below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	IWDP	Name of District	DPAP
1	Guna-II	33.44	Badwni	60.75
2	Sehore	70.50	Betul	220.66

†Orlginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.